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SUBJ: ARREST OF URUGUAYAN PASTOR

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE ON DECEMBER 9:

"THE ARREST OF PASTOR CARLOS DELMONTE HAS CAUSED GRAVE CONCERN IN THE CHURCH HERE. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE WOULD BE APPRECIATED." CABLE CAME FROM NEW YORK AND WAS SIGNED, "JOYCE HILL, LATIN AMERICAN SECRETARY."

2. EMBASSY HAS NO IDEA AS TO WHAT CHURCH ORGANIZATION SEND CABLE. IF JOYCE HILL KNOWN OR IF SHE CONTACTS DEPARTMENT, A REPLY MAY BE BASED ON FOLLOWING INFO.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MISSIONARIES, CARLOS DELMONTE, A URUGUAYAN, IS PASTOR OF THE IGLESIA EVANGELICA VALDENSE IN COLONIA VALDENSE.

4. THE PRESS, ON DECEMBER 6, CARRIED A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE STATING THAT THE MENSAJERO VALDENSE, A PUBLICATION OF THE IGLESIA EVANGELICA VALDENSE, HAD BEEN CLOSED. CLOSURE WAS BASED ON AN EDITORIAL "IN WHICH THERE WERE LISTED AS OBJECTIVES OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES WHICH MAKE UP THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO URUGUAYAN, CHILEAN AND VIETNAMESE SUBVERSIVE GROUPS..."

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THE DECREE ADDED THAT THE WORLD CHURCH GROUP HAD BEEN

HEADED BY A U.S. MARXIST UNTIL 1972 AND THAT IT IS NOW
HEADED BY A PHILLIPS PETTER WHO, "ENDORSES CHAOS AND
ANARCHY AS METHODS OF SOCIAL CHANGE, SUPPORTING ALWAYS
THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARXIST SUBVERSION..."

5. IF MORE INFORMATION COMES TO LIGHT IT WILL BE REPORTED.
INASMUCH AS DELMONTE IS URUGUAYAN, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT
PLAN TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE HIS RELEASE.

6. GDS. SIRACUSA

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